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THE

CALGARY

DISTRICT

ALBERTA



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To the home seeker and the capitalist, the health and pleasure tourist, as well as to the farmer, miner and stockman, the country at the base of the Rocky Mountains is an attractive one. The Switzerland of Canada as it is aptly called, is annually attracting more attention. The land of the buffalo and the antelope is fast becoming known as the great agricultural and stock country of the British American Territories.

Up to 1884 the opinion was entertained by many that Alberta was adapted to stock raising only. In the fall of that year the people of the Calgary District sent to the exhibitions in the east samples of the grain grown in the fertile valleys of the Bow River, Sheep, Pine and Fish Creeks, and have since made annual exhibitions of the prolific crops grown in their district. This has been effective in encouraging the rapid and prosperous settlement which has taken place.

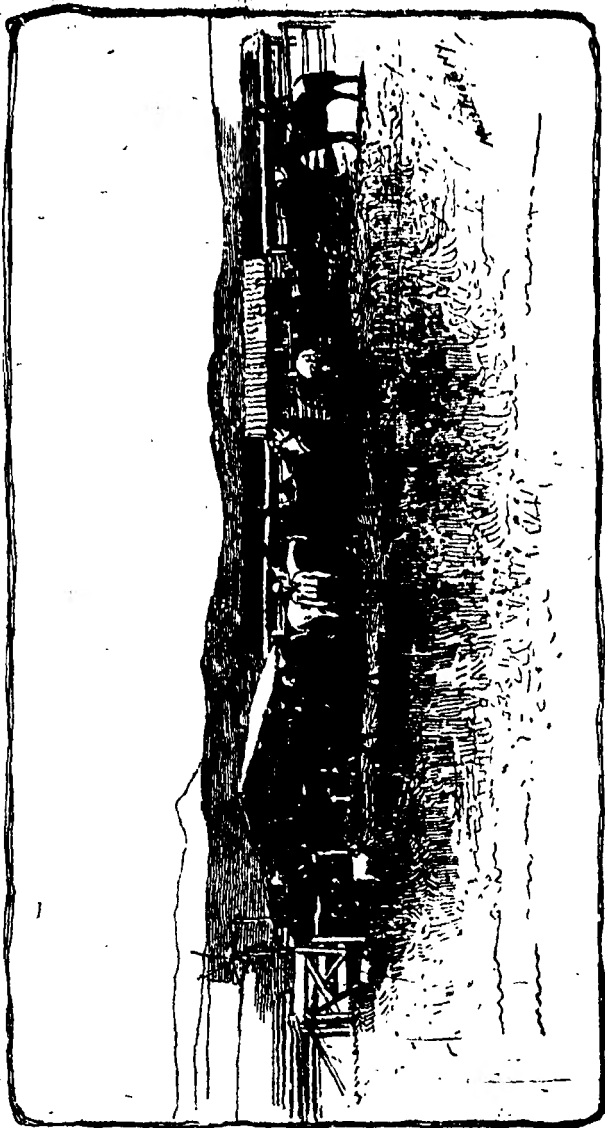
Year after year have carloads of farm products been shipped east and have been instrumental in converting the most skeptical into the full belief that the portion of Alberta tributary to Calgary is now an agricultural district equal to any in the whole Dominion.

Another year has come round and the harvest of 1890 is pretty well gathered in. Well indeed may the farmers

of the Calgary district sing—"Praise God from whom all blessings flow," for bountiful has the harvest been. From one end of the district to the other comes the glad news of heavy crops ripe and safe. The trumpet blast of progress re-echoes from valley and mountain, and gladness fills the hearts of Albertans. The Calgary district has a double harvest, for the construction of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway is in full swing, and men and teams are busy building another great highway which is to connect Calgary with the vast North and the busy South. The town is the centre of railroad activity. Within a year or two it has become possessor of two daily papers, electric light, telephone, and water works systems, and to-day we find it on the eve of an elaborate sewerage system. Well may it be styled the Denver of Canada.

The people of Calgary are still alive to their interests and this year forward to the Toronto and other Exhibitions in the East a car load of samples of the crop of 1890,—samples which we are sure will be convincing proofs of the fertility of the Bow River country—wheat, oats, barley, pease, flax, timothy, native grasses, roots, vegetables,—as well as coal, gold and silver-bearing quartz, building stone, &c.

♦ Messrs. Sam. Livingstone and George Hamilton accompany the exhibit. They are both men who have lived in the far West since the early gold mining days, and are capable of giving information replete with practical experience and truthfulness. See them, and hear what they have to say about Calgary and Alberta.



RANCHE STABLES, ALBERTA.

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C.P.R. Land Commissioner,

Winnipeg.

ASK OLD SETTLERS WHAT THEY THINK OF THE COUNTRY, AND HEAR THEIR REPLY.

NEAR CALGARY, ALBERTA,

28th August, 1890.

I came to Alberta in 1862, and commenced farming on a small scale in 1864. I have raised good crops every year since, with one exception, about the year 1868, when failure was caused by drought. I never had a lighter crop of oats than 40 bushels per acre, of wheat 36 bushels per acre, and barley not under 45 bushels per acre.

I have had crops which I threshed Spanish fashion, i.e. tramped it out with horses, and got 86 bushels of oats per acre. Off one acre I took 87 bushels of clean wheat, and 21 bushels in which some oats got mixed.

If I were to tell you of the root crops I have grown, and seen grown by others in Alberta, the yield would be accounted an exaggeration on my part. After travelling over the whole of America I settled here, and each year makes me more satisfied that Alberta is destined to become a great agricultural country, and I am positive that mineral discoveries will soon be made in Calgary district that will surprise the world.

SAM. H. LIVINGSTON.

CALGARY, August 21st, 1890.

I have much pleasure and feel in duty bound to bear testimony to the great advantages offered to settlers, both by the Government and the C. P. R. Company, in this portion of the District of Alberta, as well as the advantage it possesses of soil and climate for the raising of cereals—wheat, oats and barley—as well as stock.

I have two sons along with myself who have been engaged now seven years in the above occupations here, and so well pleased are they that although young men they have no desire to look for any better place to cast their lot. Our oats last year weighed forty-six pounds to the bushel, barley fifty-three pounds and wheat sixty-two pounds. Stock did equally well.

C. SPARROW.

FISH CREEK, ALBERTA, Aug. 28, 1890.

I have been five years in Alberta. This year I have forty-five acres under cultivation and I have a magnificent crop of wheat, oats and barley. I have every confidence in the future of the Calgary District as a farming country and especially as a wheat and barley growing country.

Those seeking a new home need not be afraid of coming to Alberta. I believe it to be the best country on the Continent.

EDWARD NELSON.

CALGARY, August 29, 1890.

I have lived in the Calgary District for the past six years, and have been engaged in farming more or less since my arrival. From my experience I believe that this is one of the best farming portions of this continent. I have had crops of oats, wheat, barley and roots, and have not yet had a failure. I fully believe that if the great advantages and inducements that this country possesses and offers were only half known in the Old Country, the Calgary District would be thickly settled in a very short time. What with our great extent of fertile country, our timber lands, coal lands and vast mineral resources, Alberta is bound to be one of the richest Provinces of the Dominion. There is no longer any doubt but that this is the garden of the great Northwest as a grain growing, dairy farming and stock raising district. The old cry of summer frosts and droughts is now played out. Practical farmers have proved that this is equal at least to any other British Colony. My former home was in Loch Gilphead, Argyleshire, Scotland.

JOHN G. MCCALLUM.

FISH CREEK, CALGARY DISTRICT,

Aug. 29, 1890.

I have been nine years in the Calgary District and have farmed since my arrival. This year I have 120 acres under cultivation including wheat, oats, barley and roots. I have this and every other year succeeded in growing first-class

crops. Wheat has averaged from 35 to 68 bus. per acre. Barley averaged 40 bus. per acre. Oats last year yielded 65 bus. per acre weighing 42 lbs. per bus., and my present crop is the best I have had. My root crops have been enormous each year. I have farmed in California, Arizona and the Western States, and am now fully satisfied that for mixed farming and stock raising the Calgary District has no equal. We have right here good soil, timber, water, coal and stone, and I see no reason why a man should not prosper if he is at all willing.

NELSON BRBO.

PINE CREEK, August 29, 1890.

In reply to your request, I am able to state that the crops in Pine Creek district this year are equal to any I have seen in the Northwest, and that is saying a good deal. Wheat, barley, oats, potatoes, roots, &c., are extra good crops. Oats are generally estimated to yield on an average in our district from 50 to 75 bushels per acre. Oats, too, that will weigh from 40 to 49 lbs per bushel.

I have lived in the Calgary district for the past seven years, and each year convinces me more and more that this district is equal to any in Canada or the United States as an agricultural and dairy farming country.

Our old friends in the East need not think that we are in a wild forlorn land. The days of the wild and woolly are past. We have now schools, churches, markets, and all the advantages that a common sense man may need—indeed many advantages that Old Canada has not or does not expect. The uninhabited country of a few years ago is fast becoming a thickly populated and highly prosperous one, and I have no hesitation in saying that I recommend all those who are seeking a new home to enquire into the advantages of Alberta, little doubting but that they settle in one of the fertile valleys of the Calgary district.

SAM RAY.

SHEEP CREEK, OKOTOKS P.O.,

29th August, 1890.

I came to Alberta in the spring of 1883, and brought my family out in 1884, from Wellington Co., Ontario,

where I was for many years engaged in farming. Having examined the land in this district, I finally settled on my present homestead, and have had no cause to regret having done so, as I have raised paying crops each year, without a single failure.

I have under crop this season 90 acres, consisting of wheat, oats, barley, potatoes and other roots; I have also summer fallowed 85 acres, which I find the most profitable way to work land.

I have now 27 head of cattle and 8 horses, as well as machinery for working my farm and a comfortable home for myself and family.

After paying for bringing my family out, \$140 was my whole capital, so I think I have done well, and much better than I could have done in the East.

I think this is a first-rate country for mixed farming and dairying, and would advise any man in search of a home and willing to work to come to Alberta, where I feel sure he can succeed as well as I have.

THOMAS ROWLES, SR.

EAST OF HIGH RIVER, ALBERTA,

August 30th, 1890.

I came here in 1887 with my family, having travelled over a great part of the Western States in search of a suitable place to build a home and improve with the country. I took up 320 acres of Government land the same year, and have been engaged in mixed farming and dairying with very good results. I have at the present time 54 acres under crop of wheat, oats, barley, rye, flax, potatoes and other roots. I can only say further that I am well pleased with my location, and am sure I could not have done nearly as well in any other country I know of with the same capital I had on coming here.

W. B. THORNE.

A LEADING



Stockman's Experience of Calgary District.

CALGARY, ALBERTA, August 27th, 1890.

I came to Alberta with a band of horses in 1882 and again in 1883, and was so favorably impressed with it that I concluded to make my home here and returned with that intention in 1886. Since then I have resided at Calgary, and in connection with my business as stock dealer, am continually in the saddle and have constant opportunities of seeing the country during all seasons. And I must say that the more I see of it the more am I impressed with the great future it must have as a cattle, agricultural and mineral country. As to my experience I may say that I have not confined myself to stock alone as I have farmed more or less each year. This year I have under crop some 225 acres, principally oats, but have also wheat, barley, potatoes and roots, and I am pleased to be able to state that my crops are a splendid lot. I have oats that stands 5 ft. 10 in., and will yield on an average from 45 bus. to 55 bus. per acre, and much of the crop will, I believe, thresh over 65 bus. per acre.

My brother and myself have 1500 to 2000 head of cattle principally 3 and 4 year old steers, a choice herd. I find cattle do remarkably well here. We have about 150 head of horses, and as a horse country I believe Alberta has no equal. We have also from 1800 to 2000 sheep near Calgary, and they do very well. In fact taken all round I know of no other country which can equal the Calgary District as a grain growing, dairy, farming and stock country.

W. R. HULL.

OPINION OF A NEW COMER.

GRIERSON P.O., Calgary District, Alberta,
August 23, 1890.

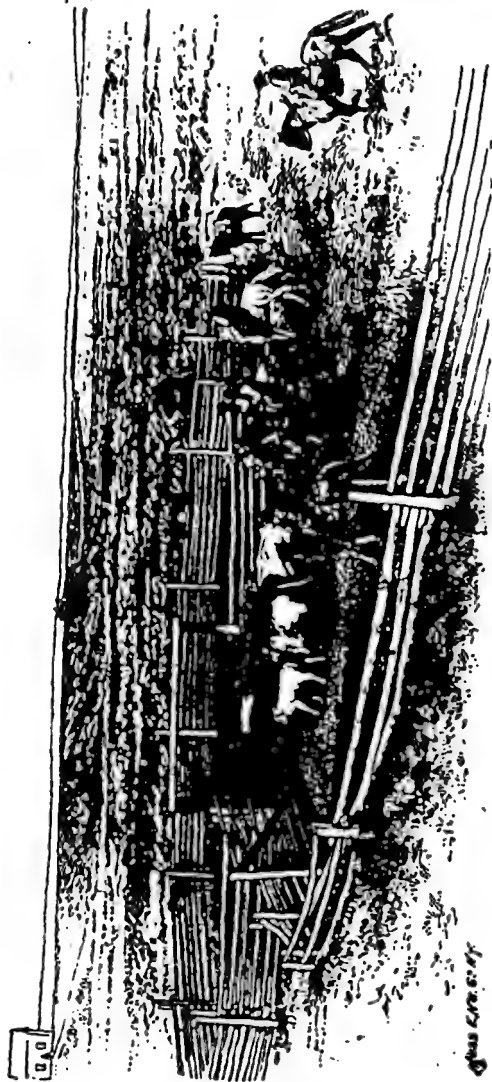
I came to Alberta in the June excursion of 1880, and having examined the country thoroughly and being fully converted to its adaptability for grain and root growing by the crops I saw, I concluded to sell out my farm in the east and make my home in Alberta. I purchased from the C. P. R. 960 acres of land, and have never had cause to regret having done so, the land all around me having gone up in price from \$1 to \$3 per acre during the past year.

I put up last year about 100 tons of hay, and also brought my family out to Alberta. This spring I cleared \$600 out of my hay alone, which was quite a good start. I have three acres of wheat on sod breaking, and I can tell you it is a grand crop. I also put in 30 acres of crop on a neighbor's farm, and have good crops of oats, barley and potatoes.

I heard a lot about summer frosts and such like before I came here, but can say that in my neighborhood there has been none, and I consider this as good a farming country as Ontario and the best country in the world for stock and dairy farming. My former home was in Leeds county, Ontario, and I must say I am glad I came West. My family enjoy the best of health and are in love with the country.

Every one has his choice, but Alberta is good enough for me. I can't see why a man with even small capital should not get on well here, if he is practical and willing to work. If you are anxious to succeed, come to Alberta where prices for farm produce are good.

E. BURKE.



A PRAIRIE CORRAL.

Wm. L. G. G. G.

THE MAYOR OF CALGARY SPEAKS.

WHY PEOPLE SHOULD EMIGRATE TO CALGARY

BECAUSE it is bound to grow rapidly into a large city.

BECAUSE it has a live, influential and energetic population.

BECAUSE people in Calgary enjoy all the advantages of a large city, viz : water works, system of sewerage, electric light for business and private houses, telephones, daily trains, good schools, etc., etc.

BECAUSE it is bound to be the manufacturing and mining centre of Alberta.

BECAUSE it has unlimited water power.

BECAUSE it is immediately surrounded by immense deposits of coal.

BECAUSE it has within sight of the town an unlimited quantity of the finest free stone for building purposes.

BECAUSE the very best of brick can be manufactured within the corporation.

BECAUSE it is a large centre for the manufacture of lumber.

BECAUSE it is the distributing centre for hundreds of miles of magnificent agricultural and grazing lands.

BECAUSE it is supported by a variety of industries, as follows : farming, stock raising, dairying and mining interests.

BECAUSE our stock can graze the year round and keep fat.

BECAUSE the Calgary district is renowned for its magnificent stock of horses.

BECAUSE the climate is particularly salubrious and enjoyable.

BECAUSE it is now a railway centre.

J. D. LAFFERTY, Mayor of Calgary,
Chairman Board of Trade.

WHAT VISITORS SAY.

CALGARY, 26th August, 1890.

To J. G. Fitzgerald, C. P. R. Land Agent, Calgary:

We, the undersigned, members of the Ontario Farmers' Union, delegation from Waterloo County, having visited Calgary and the surrounding country, wish to manifest hereby our satisfaction with the appearance of the country as well as the crops, and desire to express our opinion that as far as our judgment can determine from what we have seen, this country would be a desirable place for our Ontario people to emigrate to, providing they wish to make their homes on prairie land or on good grazing land. We found this country rolling and undulating, very much like the finest of our Ontario land; the crops which are now being harvested are on the whole very fine indeed, not so long in the straw but exceedingly well headed, and the quality of the grain first-class.

The situation is such that lumber is as cheap as in Ontario, as also are fence posts (cedar). Coal mines are close to hand, making fuel cheap.

In short, we are all favorably impressed with this country.

We also wish to manifest our appreciation of the great courtesy of the officials of the C. P. R., of the Government Homestead Inspector, and also the municipal authorities of the Town of Calgary. We offer to each our sincere thanks for their kindness to this our delegation.

JOHN F. MCKAY.	MENNO BRICKER.
ALEX. PETERSON.	HENRY BRUBACHER.
JAMES TAYLOR.	JOS. BINGEMAN.
MATTHEW DURRANT.	LEVI STAUFFER.
HENRY HAMILTON.	IZAAC GROH.
W. I. MOODY.	SAMUEL MOYER.
PETER W. GLENNIE.	JOHN SHUH.
ALEX. A. GLENNIE.	JOSIAH SHANTZ.
SOLOMON ERB.	ELI CLEMENS.
JACOB E. CLEMENS.	E. ZEIGLER.

Agricultural Society of Waterloo.

CALGARY, 24th June, 1890.

*To His Worship the Mayor and Council of the Town of
Calgary:*

GENTLEMEN,—We, the undersigned, Excursionists to Alberta, having availed ourselves of your kindness in providing us with carriages for a drive to Pine Creek, take this opportunity of offering you our hearty thanks.

The outing was exceedingly pleasant and one which will tend to increase the value of this favored portion of the Dominion in our estimation. We have golden opinions of Calgary and its promising future, and will not fail to so apprise our relatives, both in Ontario and England.

We are surprised to observe the wonderful progress your town has made during a period of four or five years, a circumstance doubtless due to your own untiring efforts, coupled with the benign influence of the C. P. R.

Wishing you all success in the building of your new railroad, which will further add to your many advantages, and again sincerely thanking you,

Believe us, Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully and obliged,

DR. W. M. IRELAND, Trenton, Ont.

A. H. SKIRVING, Chatham, Ont.

FRANCIS SEWELL, Suffolk, England.

JAMES BURNIE, Ont.

JOHN MCCRAE, Ont.

R. H. MOORE, Parry Sound District, Ont.

JOHN FELL, Perth County, Ont.

GEO. MCMORRIGUE, Stormont County, Ont.

THOMAS FLETCHER, Port Hope, Ont.

HENRY CLAYTON, Port Hope, Ont.

P.S.—We are very favorably impressed with the crops we saw, all of which are looking extremely good. The further west we came the better the crops appeared to be, and around Calgary they certainly came up to our most sanguine expectations.

A. H. SKIRVING, for party.

CALGARY, Aug. 29th, 1890.

With regard to the state of the crops on our farms in the Calgary District, I am pleased to say that they are satisfactory in every way.

On our farm at Namaka we have 1300 acres under crop, consisting of 350 acres of wheat, 380 of barley, 480 of oats, 70 of flax and 20 of potatoes and roots. We have a particularly fine crop of wheat on this farm, considerably over 20 bus. to the acre. The other crops are equally satisfactory.

On our Langdon farm we have 685 acres in crop, all oats. I estimate the yield to average 35 bus. to the acre. The earliest sown oats are a particularly heavy crop.

I consider the soil round the Calgary District in every way suitable for arable cultivation.

THOMAS STONE,
General Manager.

The Canadian Agricultural Coal and Colonization
Company, Limited.



HARVEST.



The Canadian Pacific Railway Company have published detailed maps, pamphlets and hand folder, descriptive of Alberta and its resources, and showing how Railway Lands and Free Grants may be obtained. These will be sent free on application to

L. A. HAMILTON.

Land Commissioner, C.P.R.,

Winnipeg, Man.